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AB In endothelial cells, different types of Ca2+ conductances have been described, but none of them has been clearly identified as ICRAC, the Ca2+

release-activated Ca2+ current originally described in mast and lymphoma cells. Here we show that in bovine pulmonary artery endothelial cells (CPAE) depletion of intracellular Ca2+ stores by inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate (InsP3), Ca2+ ionophores and Ca2+ pump inhibitors activates a Ca2+-selective conductance in the presence of the Ca2+ chelator 1,2-bis(2-aminophenoxy)ethane-N,N,N', N'-tetraacetic acid (BAPTA). The current shows inward rectification, a highly positive reversal potential and is blocked by micromolar concentrations of La3+. The conditions used in studies of endothelial cells were also employed in those of HEK-293, an embryonic kidney cell line commonly used to express putative store-operated channels, and Jurkat cells, the reference cell model. Similar to CPAE, HEK cells also have an ICRAC-like current. At 0 mV

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